

Dear Parents:

Today, the high school counselors, Mrs. Warstler and I spoke with your students regarding their four year plans for high school. The state of Texas requires that all high school students have a four year plan on record (incoming 9th grade to senior year). The four year plan is a requirement for all Frisco ISD students. Please know that this document is a very fluid document. We are aware that incoming 9th grade students are not completely sure of the classes they want to take all the way through their senior year. The reason we create the plan is two-fold: 1) so they can make sure they complete all required courses for graduation and 2) if they want to pursue a pathway at the CTE center, many of those pathways have pre-requisite classes. We want to make sure they can fit into their schedule with all of the other classes they need/want to take.

Here are the items we covered today:

- Choosing their core class: Every student will take four years of Math, Science, ILA, and History. They must choose the level they would like for each class (on-level, PAP, AP, and dual credit). If they do take Algebra I in 8th grade, that does count as one of their four years of math.
- All other state required courses for graduation. The requirements are the same at all Frisco High Schools.
- Elective choices for 9th grade and beyond
- An explanation of the various endorsements you can earn for graduation
- A/B Schedule of classes and which classes need to be double blocked on their schedule

Your student will bring home his/her four year plan for your signature. The most important part of reviewing this plan will be to make sure they have signed up for the correct courses for the 9th grade. We do realize that the rest of their choices will most likely change. At the beginning of each of their high school years, their high school counselors will review the choices they selected with your children and allow them to make any necessary changes.

Here's the timeline we will follow:

- **December 9th**: Students bring home graduation plans for review and parent signature.
- **December 12th**: All four year plans are due back to your child's ILA teacher: **Mrs. Gestes's** class will need to have their plan on **December 11th** for entering into the computer. All other students need to return by December 12th.
- **December 16-19**: Mrs. Doran, Mrs. Kalka, Coach Floyd and Mrs. Wiseman's classes will be entering four year plans into the computer
- **January 13th**: High school counselors will have a parent meeting at 6:00 at Cobb for all incoming 9th grade parents. They will answer any questions at this time.
- **January 26th**: Rising Freshman Night
- **January 28th**: Counselors will return to meet with each individual student regarding their choices for 9th grade. Any changes can be made at this time

Resources for you:

1. We have included the PowerPoint that we used in class to help answer any questions you might have regarding four year plans.
2. Here is the link to the High School Course Catalog so you may refer to it for any question about classes. <http://www.friscoisd.org/ly/admin/docs/151652112814.pdf>
3. The packet of information about the endorsements that are available to your student.
4. You may email or call your child's counselor for any questions regarding four year plans.

One last reminder, NOTHING IS SET IN STONE. 9th grade classes will be set in stone AFTER the counselors visit on January 28th. The rest of the plan will remain fluid until each year's check in with the counselors.

We hope that you find this helpful when discussing options with your student.

Sincerely,

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